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Mr. Kenneth V. Herstowski, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Herstowski:

Please refer to the Proposed Administrative Order on Consent (the Order) for the Omaha, Nebraska Shops of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. More specifically, the site is described as 9th and Cass Streets, Omaha, Nebraska, RCRA I.D. No. NED000829754. During discussions between EPA and Union Pacific regarding the site, the concept of separating the site into operable units was devised. It was further agreed that work under the Order could proceed with the initial unit, which is Operable Unit 1. Operable Unit 1 is that portion of the site the City of Omaha will initially purchase from Union Pacific and develop.

Even though some remaining details of the Order are being finalized, the essence of performing the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) is contained in the draft Order. The Union Pacific is endeavoring to maintain its schedule for investigation of the site to accommodate the City of Omaha's plans for development. In order to satisfy the schedule Union Pacific has developed, the Union Pacific wishes to furnish EPA with three copies of the draft RFI for OUI for review at this time. This document is dated June 1999 and is comprised of two volumes. Please review the draft RFI and furnish me with your comments at your earliest convenience. One additional copy of the RFI is transmitted to you so that you may send it to the Nebraska



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Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). The Railroad's understanding is that EPA will forward all documents to NDEQ for their review and request they provide EPA with comments.

The next phase of work Union Pacific will undertake for OUI is the completion of the Corrective Measures Study. Additional work products will be forthcoming for other operable units at the site.

If you wish to call me to discuss any item, please contact me at (402) 271-3675.

Yours truly,



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